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REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending. Claims 20-57 and 60-65 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-9, 11, 13-15 and 58-59 are canceled. Claims 10, 12, 16 and 19 are amended.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 1-9, 11, 13-15 and 58-59 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). Claims 1-9, 11, 13-15 and 58-59 are canceled herein without prejudice to their later presentation in an application claiming priority herefrom.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 10, 12 and 16-19 are acknowledged as being drawn to allowable subject matter. Claims 10, 12, 16 and 19 are amended so as to place them in independent form. Claims 17 and 18 depend from claim 16.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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